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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to DD/NFA for Community Interests

FROM: Senior Review Panel

SUBJECT: HPSCI Report of May 1980 [redacted] STAT

1. Herewith the Panel's input for your response to the HPSCI report of May 1980. [redacted] STAT

2. In accordance with its Charter, dated 11 December 1978, the Senior Review Panel provides an independent and collegial evaluation of both the National Estimate and other Community production process and product to improve their quality and usefulness. [redacted] STAT

3. The Panel maintains a continuous critical dialogue with the DD/NFA and the NIOs during its review of major interagency intelligence products. As a priority activity, the Panel prepared some 85 memoranda commenting on 24 NIEs and SNIEs and 26 IIMs in various stages of production during FY 1980. The Panel also prepared several papers containing recommendations on various aspects of the National Estimate process. [redacted] STAT

4. To appraise the intelligence process, the quality of its production, and the extent to which the intelligence needs of the Government are being met, the Panel conducts postaudits of finished intelligence and production processes. A comprehensive in-depth examination of Intelligence Community performance over the period October 1962 to November 1979 regarding the Soviet military presence in Cuba was conducted by the Panel, at the request of the DCI, with the assistance of Rear Admiral W. D. Robertson, USN-Retired, and a small ad hoc staff from the Community. The recommendations derived from its study were submitted to NFIB, where the DD/NFA and the Interagency Working Group were directed to report periodically on their implementation. Currently the Panel has undertaken, as requested by the D/NFAC, a survey and evaluation of NFAC production over a period of one year to see how well NFAC is performing its basic mission. The longer term objective of the study is to develop guidelines for an accurate and comprehensive reporting system and a set of

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criteria and standards that could provide the basis necessary for broader applications. In addition, the Panel as a group and individually, through established senior-level contacts in other Community departments and agencies has maintained on an informal basis a continuing dialogue on requirements for, and reactions to, intelligence production. [redacted] STAT

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Executive Assistant
Senior Review Panel

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